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Amendments to the Claims

- 1 (original): A composition comprising:
 - (a) a physically induced starch hydrolysate;
 - (b) a plasticizer; and
 - (c) a gelling agent.
- 2 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the starch is a waxy starch.
- 3 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the starch is jet cooked.
- 4 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the starch is extruded.
- 5 (original): The composition of claim 4, wherein the extrusion is carried out using an SME of 50 to 500 Wh/kg and a PT of 50 to 220°C.
- 6 (original): The composition of claim 4, wherein the extrusion is carried out using an SME of 150 to 400 Wh/kg and a PT of 120 to 220°C.
- 7 (original): The composition of claim 4, wherein the extrusion is carried out using an SME of 200 to 350 Wh/kg and a PT of 160 to 190°C.
- 8 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the dextrose equivalent of the starch is no more than about 1.
- 9 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the starch is present in an amount of about 70 to 99.8% by weight of the composition on a dry basis.
- 10 (original): The composition of claim 9, wherein the starch is present in an amount of about 85 to 95% by weight of the composition on a dry basis.
- 11 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the plasticizer is glycerin.
- 12 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the plasticizer is present in an amount of about 0.01 to 15% by weight of the composition on a dry basis.
- 13 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the plasticizer is present in an amount of about 5 to 10% by weight of the composition on a dry basis.

- 14 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the gelling agent is selected from the group consisting of gellan gum.
- 15 (original): The composition of claim 14, wherein the gellan gum is a low acyl gellan gum.
- 16 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the gelling agent is present in an amount of about 0.1 to 15% by weight of the composition on a dry basis.
- 17 (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the gelling agent is present in an amount of about 1 to 10% by weight of the composition on a dry basis.
- 18 (original): A composition comprising:
- (a) a waxy, physically induced starch hydrolysate with a dextrose equivalent of no more than about 1;
 - (b) glycerin; and
 - (c) gellan gum.
- 19 (original): The composition of claim 18, wherein the starch is present in an amount of about 85 to 95%, the glycerin is present in an amount of about 0.01 to 15%, and the gellan gum is present in an amount of about 1 to 10%, by weight of the composition on a dry basis.
- 20-21 (canceled)
- 22 (original): A hard capsule comprising:
- (a) a waxy, physically induced starch hydrolysate with a dextrose equivalent of no more than about 1;
 - (b) glycerin; and
 - (c) gellan gum.
- 23 (original): The capsule of claim 22, wherein the starch is present in an amount of about 85 to 95%, the glycerin is present in an amount of about 0.01 to 15%, and the gellan gum is present in an amount of about 1 to 10%, by weight of the composition on a dry basis.
- 24 (original): The capsule of claim 22, wherein the capsule is essentially gelatin-free.